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# ADVISORY BOARD ON PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS MINUTES

## **February 5, 2009**

The Advisory Board on Physician Assistants met Thursday, February 5, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia. Diane Houle, PA-C, Chair, called the meeting to order. A quorum was declared.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Diane Houle, PA-C, Chair

Pamela Bailey, PA-C, Vice-Chair

Kenneth Frumkin, MD Erwin Fender, PA-C Rev. Leonard Lovett, PhD

**STAFF PRESENT:** William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director

Ola Powers, Deputy Executive Director Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst Eusebia Joyner, Recording Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT: Chelsea Miller, HDJN, PC

#### CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Houle called the meeting to order.

Let it be noted for the record that Ms. Houle announced the Emergency Evacuation Instructions prior to the meeting.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Roll was called and a quorum declared.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED FEBRUARY 7, 2008

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Mr. Fender moved to approve the minutes dated February 7, 2008. The motion was seconded and carried.

#### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Dr. Frumkin moved to accept the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

# 1. Legislative Report

Ms. Yeatts reviewed and explained her report on legislation from the 2009 Session of the General Assembly.

#### 2. HB 2329

Ms. Yeatts explained that this bill would provide the same immunity for a physician assistant for laboratory results and examinations as is currently provided for a physician. She stated that the bill is still moving through the process.

#### 3. Physician Assistants and Fluoroscopy

Dr. Harp explained the letter received from Thomas Schuler, MD. and his request that PA privileges include the operation of modern fluoroscopy equipment under physician supervision. The Advisory board agreed that a change in law would be necessary. Dr. Harp suggested a meeting with the chair of the Advisory Board on Radiologic Technology and the chair of the Advisory Board on Physician Assistants to further discuss the issue and possible language for a bill. If there is agreement, such language could be presented to the May Legislative Committee for consideration by the Full Board in June. Dr. Harp will coordinate this meeting. Ms. Yeatts will be included.

#### 4. Election of Officers

Dr. Frumkin moved to re-elect Ms. Houle as Chair and Ms. Bailey as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded and carried.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS
None.
NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING
June 4, 2009
<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>
Mr. Fender moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
Diane Houle, PA-C, Chair
William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director
Eusebia Joyner, Recording Secretary